

ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF  
THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

WHEREAS the Historic District Commission oversees regulation of the Town's three historic districts and also oversees regulation of the Town's eight individual historic properties which are located outside the boundaries of the historic districts; and

WHEREAS Connecticut law requires at least one member of the Historic District Commission to be a resident of a historic district but section 5-57 of the West Hartford ordinances requires two members to be residents of such districts; and

WHEREAS this requirement leaves only three positions available on the Historic District Commission which may be filled by residents of individual historic properties

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT Section 5-57 of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

- A. There is hereby created an Historic District Commission, consisting of five members and three alternate members, of which at least [two members]one member and one alternate member shall be residents of an historic district within the Town of West Hartford if such residents are willing to serve on the commission. Members and alternate members shall be electors of the Town holding no salaried municipal office and shall be appointed by the Town Council.
- B. The initial appointments to membership on the Commission shall be so arranged that the term of at least one member shall expire each year, and their respective successors shall be appointed for terms of five years.
- C. At the first meeting of the Commission, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall elect from its own members a Chair, a Vice Chair and a clerk.
- D. In case of inability to act because of absence, sickness or self-interest on the part of any member, the Chair shall designate an alternate member to serve in such member's place.
- E. The Town Council may remove any member for cause and may fill any vacancies for the balance of any unexpired term.
- F. Members and alternate members shall serve without compensation.

(Deleted language is bracketed. Inserted language is underlined.)

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Approved as to form and legality:

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